

VISA PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

A color photograph printed on photographic paper, measuring **3.5 × 4.5 cm**, must be provided on a plain white background, free of shadows and stains.

The photograph must be of high quality and resolution, with good sharpness, brightness, and contrast, and must not contain any defects such as smudges, folds, scratches, stains, or similar imperfections.

Photographs that are edited or digitally altered, **including the background**, will not be accepted.

The photograph must have been taken **within the last six months** prior to the date of application and must accurately reflect the applicant's current appearance.

The photograph must be taken full-face, with the head neither tilted nor turned. Applicants must look directly at the camera with a neutral expression, mouth closed, eyes open and clearly visible, nose should be positioned along the vertical centerline of the image.

Hair must not cover the eyes.

The photograph must show the top of the head and the upper part of the shoulders. The head must be centered and fully visible, from the hairline (or crown of the head) to the tip of the chin.

The face should occupy **70–80% of the photograph**.

If the applicant wears glasses, the eyes must be clearly visible. Reflections from flash on the lenses, tinted lenses, and heavy or oversized frames are not permitted.

Head coverings are strictly prohibited, except for applicants whose passport photograph includes a head covering for national or religious reasons.

The photograph must not contain any other objects (such as chair backs, pictures on walls, etc.) or other persons. Lighting must be even. There must be no shadows on the face, no flash glare, and no "red eye" effect.

The color balance must be neutral, and the colors must accurately represent the applicant's natural skin tone.

The photograph must not have a border or frame. The photograph must be printed on photographic paper.

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